

1 AN ACT relating to High School Equivalency Diplomas.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.143 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a state agency child, as defined in
5 KRS 158.135(1), who is at least seventeen (17) years of age shall be eligible to seek
6 attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

7 (2) ***Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a student enrolled in a district-***
8 ***operated alternative education program shall be eligible to seek attainment of a***
9 ***High School Equivalency Diploma if the student:***

10 ***(a) Is at least seventeen (17) years of age;***

11 ***(b) Is not on track to graduate; and***

12 ***(c) Has previously attained a passing score on an official readiness test for a***
13 ***High School Equivalency Diploma program authorized by the Office of***
14 ***Adult Education pursuant to KRS 151B.403.***

15 **(3)** Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a student who has attained a
16 High School Equivalency Diploma from the compulsory attendance requirements of
17 KRS 159.010.